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2813

Applicant(s): Paul J. Rudeck

Invention: METHOD TO REMOVE AN OXIDE SEAM ALONG GATE STACK EDGE, WHEN NITRIDE SPACER FORMATION BEGINS

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	19	- 81 =	0	x 50.00	0.00
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2007, rejecting claims 9-13 and 66, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.